

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 43

Introduced by Assembly Member Cooley

April 4, 2013

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to State Capitol History Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 43, as introduced, Cooley. State Capitol History Month.

This measure would proclaim May 2013 as State Capitol History Month, in order to raise awareness of the importance of the State Capitol.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State Capitol is visited by over one million
2 tourists each year, approximately 700,000 of which are children;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, After fires that destroyed the first State Capitol
5 building, political issues involved with the building of the second,
6 and numerous changes to the location of the Capitol city, the State
7 Capitol was built in Sacramento; and

8 WHEREAS, The California Gold Rush began with the discovery
9 of significant gold deposits near Sacramento in 1848, which greatly
10 increased Sacramento’s population; and

11 WHEREAS, People from many different cultures came to
12 California in search of fortune and many of those people went
13 through Sacramento; and

14 WHEREAS, Sacramento was a major distribution center, which
15 is why it was the starting point of the First Transcontinental
16 Railroad; and

1 WHEREAS, With the gold miners came many businesses and
2 entrepreneurs that gave Sacramento an economic base and more
3 to offer than other cities; and

4 WHEREAS, Sacramento was more safe because it was not near
5 the ocean and yet it also had access to rivers so the city could
6 engage in the economy both on land and at sea; and

7 WHEREAS, It took 14 years to complete the building of the
8 State Capitol in Sacramento; and

9 WHEREAS, People of diverse cultures from all over the world
10 that had settled in Sacramento were involved in the building of
11 the State Capitol; and

12 WHEREAS, The State Capitol was declared unsafe in 1975,
13 but the Assembly and the Senate refused to move to a new building
14 because the State Capitol had been their home for over 100 years;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The restoration project of the State Capitol was
17 the most extensive effort of its kind in the Western Hemisphere;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The original State Capitol cornerstone was laid on
20 May 15, 1861, and during the restoration the cornerstone was relaid
21 on May 18, 1978; and

22 WHEREAS, The State Capitol evokes a spirit of pride and
23 confidence in California; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
25 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes May 2013 as
26 State Capitol History Month, in order to raise awareness of the
27 importance of the State Capitol; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
29 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.